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MARGINAL COLUMN

By ARTHUR SAUL SUYER

WHAT can an individual, or a group of individuals, working within one of the smaller nations do to influence the actions of the great world blocs, reduce tensions between them and so improve the prospects of the continuation of peace? This is a question which almost automatically provokes a negative reply but the story of a recent visitor to Israel, one man from one small nation, gives a more optimistic picture.

GUNNAR Randers, one of the world's leading atomic scientists and astrophysicists, has lived his whole life under the constellation of Mars. Born in Norway in 1914, the year World War I broke out, he went to America after graduating Oslo University. He was at Mt. Wilson Observatory in California and then taught astrophysics at Chicago University. His interest in atomic energy began when work started there on the atomic bomb. But in 1942 he returned to England to join the Norwegian army-in-exile and was drafted to the British War Research Board, where he cooperated in weapon development. After the war he taught his own subject back in Norway, became head of Oslo University physics department and in 1948 planned Norway's Atomic Research Institute. All work on reactors was still top secret at this time and he and his team had to start from scratch. But they built their own reactor by 1951 and immediately declassified all the information. This reactor is still working. They also made available to all comers from all parts of the world the results of the considerable research and know-how they had accumulated. Scientists flocked from Japan, Argentina, India, Europe and even the U.S.

RANDERS told this writer that one of the main reasons the policy of no secrets was introduced was a conviction that research must be internationalized. Atomic energy will be the major source of power in the future and every civilized country must know about it. Whether it is or not, the year 1951 was one of mounting tension between East and West, over atomic and nuclear energy among other things. Randers' clear thinking and step further, his organization has now built a very modern reactor, perhaps the most modern in the world. This was completed this summer and offered it for common experiment to countries in the European Economic Union and Eurafrica. He now has the first instance of organized and regularized international co-operation in the use of atomic energy with the U.K., Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, Luxembourg, France, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Austria and Finland acting as partners with Norway in research into the use of atomic energy for industrial purposes. For example, in Norway itself, it is being employed to adapt the use of the wood pulp industry.

THE organization for this is called Noratom and it was in connection with it that Gunnar Randers was in Israel last week, for he believes, and important circles here believe too, that the future development of Israel may lean heavily on atomic energy for such purposes as desalination of sea water and the consequent fructification of the Negev.

GUNNAR Randers, who is an adviser on atomic energy to Dag Hammarskjöld, the U.N. Secretary-General, believes that technical development will not make war more certain, as some suppose, but will force peaceful relations between the nations as scientists must get together more and more as the subject becomes increasingly complicated. But in the meantime, we see the results of what a determined and resolute individual can do inside a small nation which is prepared to dedicate to purposes of peaceful development what might be a power for evil. The moral of this lesson does not have to be read in Israel, but it could be studied in profit in the councils of the U.N. where nations utter devoted to war and destruction, as Israel's Arab neighbors are, are not sufficiently inhibited from using the international forum of the U.N. to sow hatreds and dissensions. Tel Aviv, December 2.

Russia Accepts Plan To Control A-Tests

GENEVA. — Russia, in a history-making move, on Monday accepted a binding treaty obligation to cooperate with the U.S. and Britain in a control organization for supervising a nuclear test ban.

Agreement came after a three-and-a-half hour session — the 21st — of the three-power nuclear conference which approved the key, control provision as the second article of a test ban treaty. The accord came within 48 hours of the East-West agreement on the first article of the project, the prohibition of nuclear tests. At the concurrent talks on the Prevention of Surprise Attack, the West on Monday made a special appeal to the Communist side to cooperate in discussing substantive technical ways and means of reducing the risks of any possible military surprise attack. The appeal was made by Mr. William Foster, head of

Adenauer to Confer With Macmillan

BONN. — The West German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, hopes to go to London next Friday for a talk with Prime Minister Macmillan, the West German News Agency, D.P.A., reported on Monday night.

The three Western Ambassadors in Bonn were due to have talks on the Berlin situation with the West German Foreign Minister, Dr. von Brentano, on Monday afternoon at his request, it was authoritatively learned. Unofficial total figures for the Berlin City Parliament elections on Sunday show the Social Democrats won a majority of 52.3 per cent. The Christian Democrats received 27.5 per cent, and the Communists 18.2 per cent. A preliminary unofficial count gave the following distribution of seats in the 133-member House of Representatives: Social Democrats 70, Christian Democrats 35, Communists 28.

France Quits UN Debate on Algeria

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The French delegation withdrew from the U.N. Political Committee on Monday began its debate on the Algerian problem. The Tunisian delegate, Mongi Slim, who was the only speaker before the adjournment until Tuesday afternoon, apparently made a last attempt to get our part to look for a solution of the bloody hostilities of the last four years. He also urged France to reconsider her position and to participate in the debate "and try to refute the arguments which may be brought forth." He claimed that large numbers of French troops had penetrated Tunisian territory, destroying property and causing loss of life, and that the Algerians would still be claimed to be an internal affair within the domestic jurisdiction of France, Slim added.

Ludwig Zind At Hotel Nasser

BONN (Reuters). — Ludwig Zind, the West German testator who disappeared when due to serve a year's prison sentence for making anti-Semitic statements, is at present staying at the Nasser Hotel in Cairo according to press reports reaching here. The reports said that Zind, found guilty of calling a Jewish businessman "another dirty Jew whom someone forgot to hang," was living at the hotel under the assumed name of Helmut Vollmer.

Rain Crosses Negev

The Monday morning showers in Beersheba turned into a heavier downpour in the evening and spread across the Negev. Farmers welcomed the rain in the hope that their crops might yet be saved. Southerly winds brought a light drizzle to Eilat on Sunday night and Monday. The weatherman forecasts local showers for this (Tuesday) morning with partly cloudy skies later in the day.

Locusts Near Akaba

AMMAN (Reuters). — A swarm of red locusts has invaded Southern Jordan from Saudi Arabia and landed in Wadi Yutim, near Akaba.

Texas Church Saved from Arson Plot

HOUSTON, Texas (UPI). — Authorities revealed on Monday that what could have been a major tragedy in Trinity Lutheran Church was averted by an alert caretaker before Sunday's services when 1,000 members were expected. Investigators said an explosion would have occurred — probably about 11 a.m. — had not the work of an arsonist been discovered in time. "Whoever did it intended to blow up the church, and then to escape when

Iraq Claims Scorching Foreign-Backed Coup

Brigadier Abdel Karim Kassam, leader of the Iraqi junta, claimed on Monday night that a "foreign-backed plot" to overthrow his regime had been discovered, and that a number of arrests had been made.

An official communique issued by Kassam and broadcast over Baghdad radio said that the coup had been timed for the night of December 9-10 (tonight), but that the "alertness of the people and the army" had averted the "catastrophe." The communique gave no indication of the affiliations of those who engineered the plot, but said that "Iraqi traitors" were involved, aided by foreign support. The (Egyptian) Middle East News Agency said the U.S. was behind the conspiracy. According to Kol Yisrael, on the other hand, the absence of the usual attack on the imperialist powers in Kassam's statement appeared to indicate that the plot was engineered by members of the July revolutionary junta.

The Iraqi communique said: "We have laid hands on documents, arms and ammunition connected with the attempted coup, and have arrested a number of persons who will be brought before the People's Court." It concluded with an appeal to the Iraqi people for renewed alertness and warned: "We will strike with an iron fist against anyone attempting to endanger the security of our young republic."

Beirut Opts Out Of the Doctrine

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Lebanese Premier, Rashid Karamah, on Monday rejected the Eisenhower Doctrine of American economic and military cooperation with Middle East countries, the Arab News Agency reported. Karamah met the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, Mr. William Rountree, shortly after his arrival in Beirut on a two-week Middle East tour and told reporters afterwards that the Doctrine was "out of the question" as far as Lebanon was concerned, the Agency said.

The former regime of President Camille Chamoun supported the Doctrine. Earlier, a U.S. spokesman had said Mr. Rountree would be conferring with the chiefs of U.S. missions and the heads of states in Amman, Cairo, Baghdad and Athens.

On arrival here, Mr. Rountree drove straight to a meeting with Prime Minister Rashid Karamah and Foreign Minister Hussein Awini. Later he conferred with President Fawad Shihab.

Soviets Sack Security Chief

General Ivan Serov, Soviet Security Chief, has been relieved of his post, Tass, the official Soviet News Agency, announced Monday night.

Large Properties In Iraq Under Lien

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — The expropriation of 20 big landowners in three Iraqi provinces, including Baghdad, were declared impounded on Sunday night under the agrarian reform law announced last October.

A statement issued by Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kassam said the measure did not mean immediate confiscation. A statement asked the affected landowners and *fellaheen* to continue work on these lands as before.

Non-cooperation or obstruction of the law would be treason against the motherland, punishable by a fine, a prison sentence or loss of compensation, the statement added.

First All-African Conference Opens

ACCRA (Reuters). — The Prime Minister of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, on Monday opened the All-African Peoples' Conference here, and told 200 delegates from 25 countries: "This is the beginning of a new epoch."

He continued: "My pride overflows at the sight of so large a number of African comrades-in-arms who, imbued with the fervent desire to free Africa, unfettered and united, have gathered here for the first time in the history of our continent to deliberate on the problems which will be the basis of our new society on which our eyes are focused."

Cairo Bid to Win Economic Control

CAIRO. — The Afro-Asian economic conference opened here on Monday with the aim of establishing a permanent organization for economic co-operation among the 40 nations attending. The U.A.R. Chambers of Commerce which organized the four-day gathering with government backing, its aim is to centralize Afro-Asian economic leadership in Cairo with a new organization to parallel the existing Afro-Asian "Solidarity" secretariat established last year for political and propaganda action.

The Economics Minister of the U.A.R., Abdel Monem Kalousi, opened the convention on Abdul Nasser's behalf. Over 450 delegates, including 380 Arabs, 22 Africans and 49 Asians, are attending the conference.

The leader of the U.A.R. delegation, Mohamed Riadhi, was unanimously elected Chairman of the conference after being proposed by the Indian group and seconded by the Ghanaian delegation.

Eban Asks U.N. Council to Help Avert Need for Major Reprisal



Kibbutz Huleta sets about repairing some of the damage caused by Syrian fire last week.

Shelled Settlers Appeal For Special Assistance

Representatives of Upper Galilee settlements on Monday appeared before the Knesset Finance Committee to appeal for special assistance in view of the heavy damage they suffered as a result of last week's Syrian shelling.

They claimed that the present assistance, provided out of the Arnona tax, covers only direct damage, but not such items as furniture, working time lost and other financial and physical losses incurred by the settlements.

They also claimed that it was not enough to restore the old buildings and installations that were hit and damaged, since stronger buildings should be put up that would be able to resist future attacks.

Last Wednesday's incident "followed a series of Israeli complaints" against Syria. There were a number of incidents initiated by the Syrians throughout November, the report said.

For the first time, it was stated publicly on the authority of General von Horn that Mrs. Joyce Doran, wife of the British Air Attache in Tel Aviv, was murdered by infiltrators who had come from and returned to Syrian territory. The report declared that the cartridges used in the attack were found at the place where Mrs. Doran had been shot, approximately 80 metres from the place where her body was found.

What You Are Asked To Pay for Aliya

The scale by which citizens will be called upon to fulfill their duty in absorbing the new wave of immigration by acquiring Immigration Loan bonds has been fixed at a meeting of the Loan's Executive Council under the chairmanship of Dr. Y. Forer, it was announced in Jerusalem on Monday.

The following index of bond purchases is urged: Those earning between IL2,000 and IL4,000 a year, a sum of between IL25 to IL50, in accordance with ability to pay and family situation:

IL4,000 to IL6,000	IL 50
IL6,000 to IL8,000	IL 100
IL8,000 to IL10,000	IL 150
IL10,000 to IL12,000	IL 200
IL12,000 to IL14,000	IL 250
IL14,000 to IL16,000	IL 300
IL16,000 to IL18,000	IL 350
IL18,000 to IL20,000	IL 400

Over IL21,000 — IL250 and up. The scale was fixed by the Loan Administration with the approval of all groups represented in the Loan organization, among whom are the House of Manufacturers Association, Merchants Association and others.

In the official announcement released on Monday, it was stated that the administration will take into account every individual case and where the burden is too heavy to be carried in one payment, a bond purchaser will be able to pay in instalments of up to six months.

Mapai, G.Z.'s Resume Talks on Referendum

Jerusalem Post Reporter. The Knesset factions of Mapai and the General Zionists on Monday renewed contact on their draft bill for a referendum to change the electoral system. The talks were broken off a week ago.

The General Zionists are now understood to be willing that the motions of both parties on a referendum be voted upon together, but are reluctant to back the bill of Mr. Y. Alimog as a separate motion.

A final decision on the question will be taken at a meeting of both factions today (Tuesday) a few hours before the Knesset convenes. Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is understood to have prepared an hour-long address on the referendum motion.

'Syrian Shelling Was Act of War'

UNITED NATIONS (INA). — Israel strongly hinted at the Security Council on Monday that another Arab attack such as was perpetrated by Syria last Wednesday could lead to a "massive and exhaustive" retaliation. Israel pleaded with the Council, however, to help it avoid such a step.

The statements were made by Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israeli delegation, in presenting his complaint against Syrian aggression in attacking Israeli villages in the Hula area.

After explaining the nature of the terrain where the attack took place, Mr. Eban said: "While I have described the advantages which topography has bestowed upon the Syrian forces, I do not mean to indicate that it is beyond Israel's capacity in the exercise of her inherent right of self-defence to reply to any future attack of this kind. But because of the special conditions, silencing the Syrian artillery would require a response more drastic and exhaustive than the easy attacks which Syrian forces organize from their point of geographical advantage."

"The Government of Israel is ardently anxious to avert this contingency if it can. We have therefore buried our dead, tended our wounded, begun the reconstruction of our shattered farms and homesteads and have turned to the Security Council for peaceful redress, and still more for vigorous deterrence."

Vigorous Deterrence. The attack, Mr. Eban said, which poured about 800 artillery shells into seven Israeli settlements, resulted in the killing of one Israeli and the wounding of three others, as well as injury to a U.N. observer in the area. The damage caused amounted to IL1m.

He told the Council it was his duty to inform the U.N. as well as the U.A.R. that last week's shelling was "an act of war."

"How else can such deliberate bombardment be regarded?" he asked. "We therefore urge the Security Council to induce the U.A.R. to look at this situation in its true and grave light, and not in the context of the Cairo broadcasts."

"Both the number of Syrian guns and the number of shells fired were greater than at any time since the 1948 invasion," Mr. Eban added.

The Ambassador started by calling the Council's attention to the fact that the U.A.R. had filed the fourth complaint against the U.A.R. this year by one of the neighbouring states whose security and peace the U.A.R. has threatened. The three earlier complaints charging U.A.R. aggression and infiltration had been filed by Sudan, Lebanon and Jordan.

"The situation which Israel now submits to your attention," Mr. Eban said, "comes after nearly two years of relative tranquillity on the other frontiers between Israel and the Arab states. On all borders except that dividing Israel from the Syrian region of the U.A.R. this tranquillity will prevail."

"It used to be held in some quarters," Mr. Eban continued, "that the U.A.R. was a 'peace-loving' state."

U.A.R. PREDICTS ISRAELI REPRISAL. CAIRO (Reuters). — Cairo newspapers on Monday splashed under banner headlines in red ink identical reports that Israel forces might attack the U.A.R. at any moment.

The report added that U.A.R. forces were "ready for every eventuality," and that war would "inevitably end in Israel's defeat." The crux of the matter, it said, was whether Britain and France would consent to an Israeli attack aimed at territorial expansion.

Headlines included: "Strong tension on borders. Large Israel forces in Hula area, more pouring in. Tel Aviv, was murdered by infiltrators who had come from and returned to Syrian territory. The report declared that the cartridges used in the attack were found at the place where Mrs. Doran had been shot, approximately 80 metres from the place where her body was found."

On Doran Reaction

LONDON (INA). — The British Government is still undecided as to what to do about the murder of Mary Joyce Doran on the Syrian border on November 17. It is still awaiting a report from its Embassy in Israel, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd told the House of Commons on Monday.

Answering questions, Mr. Lloyd said the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission has asked the Syrians to remove the post in the demilitarized zone from which the murderers of the wife of the British Air Attache came and returned.

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